Deepwater (beyond 400 m isobath)	For first seven years from the date of commencement of commercial production 5% for crude oil 5% for natural gas and thereafter 10% for crude oil and natural gas.

Further, there is no provision for appointment of Government nominee under the aforesaid PSCs because under NELP the contractor has the full freedom to market crude oil and natural gas in India.

Overseas projects of IOC

2791. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of oil projects for which the Indian Oil Corporation has bid in the West Asia and Bangladesh;

(b) whether Indian Oil Corporation also proposes to sell diesel, bitumen and LPG to Bangladesh; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the details of non-going overseas projects of Indian Oil Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) While Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) has not bid for any project in Bangladesh, the Corporation has, in collaboration with some Indian companies, bid for the following three projects, in the field of exploration and production, in the West Asia:—

(i) Farsi Exploration Block, Iran.

(ii) Qatar Exploration Block 4, Qatar.

(iii) Project for development of four producing fields in Kuwait to increase production from the field.

In addition, IOC, in consortium with Stroytransgaz (STG) of Moscow, has participated in a tender floated by the Ministry of Energy and Mineral

Resources of the Kingdom of Jordan, for laying of a 300-KM long crude oil pipeline system from Iraq-Jordan border to Zarqa Refinery in Jordan.

(b) Yes, Sir. IOC has initiated dialogue with the Government of Bangladesh and submitted a proposal for entering into term contract for supply of petroleum products and for setting up of LPG bottling plants. IOC has also appointed distribution for marketing of, among other products, bitumen in Bangladesh and entered into a supply agreement with a party for marketing LPG in that country.

(c) The details of the ongoing overseas projects of IOC are as under:—

(i) In Sri Lanka

- IOC has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Ceylon Petroleum Corporation (CPC) for IOC's entry into the downstream petroleum sector in Sri Lanka.
- IOC propose to enter the downstream marketing activities in that country through a wholly-owned subsidiary, Lanka IOC Private Limited, by acquiring 100 CPC-owned and 150 dealer-owned retail outlets, by taking over Trincomalee tankfarm on lease and by forming a joint venture company with CPC for owing and operating the existing and future storage facilities in that country.

(ii) In Mauritius

An MoU was signed between the Government of India and the Government of Mauritius for collaboration in the hydrocarbon sector in Mauritius through IOC.

IOC has initiated action to set up the following facilities in that country:—

— Oil Terminal at Mer Rouge, including tankage, auxiliary facilities and bunkering facilities.

— Aviation facilities at SSR International Airport with product tankage for aviation fuel and provision of into-plane refuelling facilities.

— Facilities for LPG storage, bottling and distribution.

— 25 world class retails stations and marketing of Servo lubricants.